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Protesters object to an exhibit featuring the WWII bomber Enola Gay at Dulles Airport.

**Shake It:** *Kelis* is cooking up something "Tasty." Plus, a history of cheerleading | *Hugh Hefner* | a new *Krispy Kreme* shop and more.



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**Weather > Mostly Sunny**



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**SADDAM'S PALACE:** A soldier on Monday guards the kitchen at the Tikrit farm where Saddam Hussein was captured over the weekend. The former dictator is divulging little useful information, officials said.

## Saddam Denies WMD

WASHINGTON | Saddam Hussein has denied to his interrogators that his regime had weapons of mass destruction and ties to al Qaeda, U.S. officials said Monday.

He has greeted his initial interrogation with a mix of sarcasm and defiance, the officials said, discussing the questioning only on the condition of anonymity. Some of his responses are regarded as an attempt to rationalize and justify his actions, the officials said.

Saddam has complied with simple commands to stand up and sit down, but officials said he has not provided much useful information on the guerrilla war or other matters.

The former dictator's denials match those

of his regime before the most recent war. U.S. officials say the denials are expected, particularly in the early stages of an interrogation.

Once Saddam is cooperative or broken, interrogators will try to answer the many unresolved questions about Iraq's efforts to develop chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and ties to terrorists, officials said.

So far, the hunt has not yielded much that would validate the prewar assertions by Bush and the U.S. intelligence community that Saddam had such weapons ready to unleash on short notice. JOHN J. LUMPKIN (AP)

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## President Promises Fair Trial

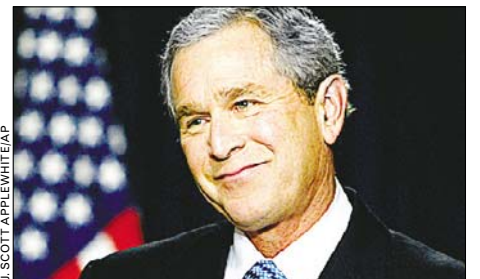
Says 'world is better off' with Saddam in custody

WASHINGTON | President Bush promised a fair, public trial for Saddam Hussein on Monday but also said "he's a torturer and a killer" and can't be trusted to tell interrogators the truth about weapons of mass destruction or attacks against Americans in Iraq.

Two days after Saddam's capture in a farmhouse burrow, Bush held a 48-minute year-end news conference and delivered his own verdict on the deposed Iraqi leader, whom the administration blames for hundreds of thousands of mass executions:

"Good riddance. The world is better off without you, Mr. Saddam Hussein."

Bush declined to say where or when or how he would be tried. The president made no commitment to turn him over unconditionally to Iraq, which established a special tribunal last week to try top members of Saddam's government for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. TERENCE HUNT (AP)



President Bush answers questions Monday about the capture and upcoming trial of Saddam Hussein.

**HOLIDAY CHEER** **Fancy Feet** Workers at a Pittsfield, Maine, shoe plant were feeling more than a little tickled when they got their Christmas bonuses that, for some, totaled nearly \$20,000. Instead of receiving typical end-of-year frozen turkeys, the 200 employees of the SAS Shoemak-

ers plant here were handed envelopes when they were called together Friday afternoon. The company this year awarded its employees bonuses of \$1,000 for every year of service. Even those employees who had worked less than a year got \$500 each. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# EyeOpeners



SHAUN BEST/REUTERS

## RECORDS

## On Pins and Needles

Brent Moffatt wasn't satisfied with the record for 702 body piercings he set earlier this year. So the 35-year-old Winnipeg, Canada, resident decided to try again, inserting 900 needles into his legs during another attempt at a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records last week. Moffatt is a chronic pain sufferer since shooting himself in the stomach with a rifle at age 15, the Canadian Press reports, so he doesn't fear the pain of so many piercings. "I've dealt with pain my whole life," Moffatt told the CP. "Pain is not foreign to me." (EXPRESS)

## REUNIONS

## Holiday Homecoming

There are still plenty of shopping days left until the holiday, but Debbie Touchette's Christmas wish has already come true. The Kennewick, Wash., resident found her gift—almost 6 feet tall and wrapped in a desert camou-

flage uniform — at a local shopping mall. Touchette had just told Santa she wanted her son safely home from Iraq when she found Pfc. Bobby Touchette, 20, waiting among the Christmas ornaments. He'd been in Iraq for the past nine months and wanted to surprise his mom with his return. (AP)

## HEARSAY | NINE LIVES

"It was obviously pretty distressed, but other than some grit in his eyes, he was fine."

— VETERINARIAN NICK EMERTON OF MORWELL, AUSTRALIA, TELLING THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS ABOUT A KITTEN THAT WAS SUCKED UP BY A CITY STREET-SWEEPER, BUT CAME OUT UNSCATHED.

## THEATER

## Silent Monologues

The name "The Vagina Monologues" doesn't suit Bluffton, S.C., so the town won't let the show go on. Town clerk Sandra Lunceford turned down the request for a one-night use of Ulmer Auditorium at Town Hall mostly because of the name of the production. The show would have been a fund-raiser for a rape crisis center and Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse. (AP)

## EDUCATION

## Building Boom

Remember how loud your college roommate snored? Some students at Penn State won't. The university took out a \$75 million bond to construct housing for 800 juniors and seniors featuring clusters of single rooms with private baths around common living and study areas. The move is part of a trend in schools to compete for students by providing new-fangled amenities such as "parking," "the Internet" and, perhaps strangest of all, "privacy." (EXPRESS)



PAT LITTLE/AP

## TRAVEL

## A Home-Bound Globe-Trotter

Nancy Samuelson has walked around the world — without going very far.

It took Samuelson 16 years, 4 months, 25 days and 55 pairs of size six tennis shoes to walk 24,902 miles — the equivalent of the Earth's circumference. She logged the miles

in daily loops around a trail near her workplace in Lincoln, Neb., one lunch hour at a time. Samuelson, 42, reached her globe-circling goal on Thursday. (AP)

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## WASHINGTON

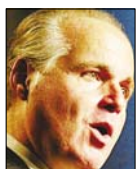
**White House Proposes Limits on Mercury Pollution**

The Bush administration on Monday proposed giving power plants up to 15 years to install new technology aimed solely at reducing mercury pollution. The move comes a week after science advisers said the government should be issuing stronger mercury warnings to pregnant women. (AP)

## WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

**Limbaugh Seeks Hearing On Seized Medical Records**

Rush Limbaugh asked a court Wednesday to hear his claim that investigators violated his privacy by seizing his medical records and asked that the records not be released. Prosecutors have said they are investigating whether Limbaugh obtained and used prescription painkillers illegally. Typically, such records would not be released until a criminal investigation ends and charges are filed. (AP)



Limbaugh

## ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

**Peace-Themed Art Exhibit Defaced With Racial Slurs**

An international exhibit promoting peace and understanding was slashed and defaced with racial slurs on Sunday, authorities said. All but one of the 39 pieces of art had been cut or spray-painted with anti-black slurs, and police have labeled it a hate crime. There were no suspects, officials said Monday. (AP)

## CRASH | TOTAL INCONVENIENCE



CHRISTOPHER A. STANLEY/THE REPORTER/AP

**FRONT-ENDED:** Employees at a 7-Eleven in Lansdale, Pa., had quite a mess to clean Monday after a car crashed into the store. According to police, the 73-year-old driver said her foot slipped on the accelerator, causing the car to jump a parking lot barrier and crash through the store's front window.

**Retired Judges to Hear Former Ala. Justice's Appeal**

MONTGOMERY, ALA. | Seven retired judges, including a former governor, were selected randomly in a lottery Monday to hear Roy Moore's appeal of his ouster as chief justice in his Ten Commandments monument case.

The drawing came hours after all eight Supreme Court justices disqualified themselves from hearing the appeal because of their earlier involvement in the monument case.

Moore was ousted on Nov. 13 for refusing to obey a federal judge's order to remove his 5,300-pound Ten Commandments monument from the state judicial building. (AP)



**BY THE NUMBERS:** The government on Monday announced the purchase of 375,000 flu shots for adults, scrambling to ease concerns about a waning vaccine supply. (AP)

**Powell Undergoes Cancer Surgery****Secretary of state has procedure to remove cancerous prostate**

WASHINGTON | Secretary of State Colin Powell underwent surgery Monday to remove his cancerous prostate gland. "Everything went fine," his spokesman said.

"The doctors say he had a localized prostate cancer," spokesman Richard Boucher said. "The surgery took approximately two hours. They say he did extremely well."

Powell, 66, was aware of the problem for months, notified President Bush two weeks ago and scheduled the operation for the holiday season, when U.S. diplomacy generally moves into lower gear.

He will remain at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where as a retired Army general he was treated, and will then go home to McLean, Va., to recuperate further. But before long, Boucher said with a smile, Powell is certain to be sending out directives to his staff by e-mail.

In fact, Powell telephoned Deputy

Secretary of State Richard Armitage on his way to Walter Reed and conferred by telephone Sunday with 23 foreign ministers, mostly about the capture of fallen

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"There are no complications, and a full recovery is expected," Boucher said. BARRY SCHWEID (AP)



Powell

**Powell's recovery:** More on the secretary of state's condition and how his surgery will affect operations at the State Department | Today's Washington Post, A Section

**Nurse Charged in Deaths of Patients****Man claims to have killed more than 30 people left in his care**

SOMERVILLE, N.J. | A former nurse who claims to have killed 30 to 40 patients since 1987 was charged with murder Monday, prosecutors said.

During a court appearance, Charles Cullen, 43, stood and told the judge, "I am going to plead guilty.

I don't plan to fight this." He said he did not want a lawyer.



Cullen

Cullen, of Bethlehem, Pa., was arrested Monday and charged with murder in the death of a Roman Catholic clergyman who was a patient at Somerset Medical Center. He was also charged with the attempted

murder of a 40-year-old woman at the same hospital.

Under questioning, Cullen told authorities he had administered lethal doses of drugs to them and had killed many others over the last 16 years at several hospitals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Officials are examining records at 10 medical facilities where Cullen worked to investigate his claims about the other deaths. TOM BELL (AP)



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## Nation

# Court Rules on Drug Stops

Other passengers can be arrested if someone in car has illegal drugs

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court made it easier Monday for police to arrest all occupants of a car when drugs are found during a traffic stop. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, writing for the unanimous court, said that in a small space like a car, "it was reasonable for the officer to infer a common enterprise" among a driver and passengers during a 1999 stop in Maryland.

Rehnquist said police had probable cause to suspect that passenger Joseph Jermaine Pringle knew that there was \$763 in the glove compartment and five plastic bags of cocaine in an armrest in the backseat.

The court reversed an appeals court decision to throw out Pringle's drug conviction and 10-year prison sentence on grounds that his arrest violated the Constitution's Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable searches or seizures.

Rehnquist said that when no one claimed the drugs, the officers had grounds to arrest everyone. (AP)

### ON THE DOCKET

The U.S. Supreme Court also decided on Monday to:

→ **Hear the Bush** administration's appeal of a lower court ruling ordering Vice President Dick Cheney to reveal details of closed-door energy talks.

→ **Lift a last-minute** stay that had spared a condemned Texas man from the death chamber.

→ **Listen to arguments** in a two-decade fight over allowing Mexican trucks and buses to operate on U.S. roadways.

## Democrat Breaux Won't Seek Senate Term in '04

BATON ROUGE, LA. | Sen. John Breaux, a leading Democratic centrist and dealmaker during three terms in office, announced Monday he will not run for re-election next year.

Breaux, 59, becomes the fifth Southern Democrat in the Senate to step down in 2004, compounding the party's difficulties in its struggle to retake control of the chamber.

"There comes a time in every career when it is time to step aside

and let others step up. For my family and me, that time has arrived," a tearful Breaux said at a news conference.

Breaux frequently crossed the aisle to work with Republicans, sometimes angering fellow Democrats and earning a reputation as one of the GOP's favorite Democrats.

The latest example was the Medicare reform bill, where he was one of only a few Democrats to be involved in crafting the legislation,



Sen. John Breaux, with his wife, Lois, announces in Baton Rouge on Monday that he won't seek re-election next year.

which creates a new prescription drug benefit for senior citizens.

Republicans hold a 51-48 majority in the Senate, with one Democrat-leaning independent. ADAM NOSSITER (AP)

### GROCERY STRIKE | REOPENED AISLES



**FREE TO SHOP:** Dottie Meadows navigates the newly reopened aisles of the Kroger store in South Charleston, W.Va., on Monday. It was like a family reunion at some Kroger stores in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky when shoppers and employees returned after a two-month strike.

## Thurmond Family 'Acknowledges' Paternity Claim

COLUMBIA, S.C. | The late Sen. Strom Thurmond's family on Monday said it acknowledges a California woman's claim that she is his illegitimate mixed-race daughter. Her lawyer said the statement brought her "a sigh of relief."

"[T]he Thurmond family acknowledges Ms. Essie Mae Washington-Williams' claim to her heritage," family lawyer J. Mark Taylor said in a brief statement.

Contacted at his office, Taylor refused to give detail or answer any questions, including whether the family was in fact verifying the claims of Williams, a 78-year-old retired teacher who lives in Los Angeles. (AP)



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# World

## Iraqis Eager to Try Saddam

Some alarmed that deposed leader could be put on trial soon

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Their exuberance over his capture still fresh, Iraqi leaders said Monday they want to send Saddam Hussein to a quick trial with an eye toward executing him by summer.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the world body would not support bringing Saddam before

a tribunal that might sentence him to death, and human rights groups were appalled at the rush to a trial they said was crucial to starting a healing process in Iraq.

But members of the Governing Council, a 25-member body appointed in July, predicted a quick trial — and a quick execution — as soon as Iraq's occupiers, who suspended the death penalty, pass sovereignty to a new Iraqi government.

"We will get sovereignty on the 30th of June," said council member

Mouwafak al-Rabii, a human rights activist who was imprisoned under Saddam. "I can tell you, he could be executed on the 1st of July."

But President Bush said in Washington that details still needed to be worked out before Saddam can be handed over to the Iraqis. He offered few details, but his language suggested he was more interested in the trial's scope than in its speed.

"All the atrocities need to come out and justice needs to be delivered," Bush said. NIKO PRICE (AP)



A U.S. soldier stands in the bedroom used by Saddam Hussein before he was captured last Saturday on a farm near Tikrit in northern Iraq on Monday.

### HONG KONG | ARRESTING IMAGE



**SADDAM IN CAPTIVITY:** Pedestrians wait to cross a busy intersection in downtown Hong Kong on Monday as TV footage of captured former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's medical exam is broadcast on a large screen.

## Soldiers Detail Dramatic Capture of Saddam

He emerged from his hideaway with his hands up in surrender

ADWAR, IRAQ | The yard was a mess, the laundry wasn't done, the pantry was bare and the only art on the walls was a poster of Noah's Ark.

Saddam Hussein's hideaway at a farmhouse in northern Iraq looked like a derelict property abandoned by squatters.

When the deposed Iraqi leader was pulled by U.S. troops from a dank hole adjacent to the farmhouse Saturday, he told them in English: "My name is Saddam Hussein. I am the president of Iraq and I want to negotiate."

A U.S. soldier replied: "Regards from President Bush."

The exchange was recounted by Maj. Bryan Reed, operations officer for the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, as he led reporters on a tour of Saddam's hideaway Monday.

Col. James Hickey, who led the raid, said soldiers were seconds from pitching a grenade into Saddam's tiny underground refuge when the fugitive dictator's hands appeared above ground in surrender.

A haggard-looking Saddam was found clutching a loaded pistol he didn't fire. ALEXANDAR VASOVIC (AP)

**His lair:** The hut near where Saddam was captured was strewn with an eclectic assortment of books and grooming products | Today's Post: Section A

## France, Softening Rhetoric, Says It May Forgive Debt

PARIS | France said Monday it will work with other nations to cancel billions of dollars in Iraqi debt.

Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin of France, one of the most persistent critics of the U.S. decision to wage war in Iraq, said he hopes the capture of Saddam Hussein will allow the international community to "regain its unity."

France's commitment toward reducing the outstanding debt

came a day before U.S. special envoy James A. Baker was to arrive in Paris, one of five European capitals he will visit as part of an effort to encourage such moves.

France, in the most concrete gesture to Washington, will join other members of the Paris Club of creditor nations to look for ways of restructuring or forgiving huge debts Iraq owes them, de Villepin said.

Iraq owes some \$40 billion to the United States, France, Germany, Japan, Russia and others in the 19-nation Paris Club. Other countries are owed at least an additional \$80 billion. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

## Insurgents Strike Again Despite New Intelligence

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The capture of Saddam Hussein is providing intelligence that has led to the arrests of key figures in the anti-U.S. insurgency and a clearer picture of what role the ousted dictator played, a U.S. general told The Associated Press on Monday.

The intelligence gleaned, some of it from Saddam's document-filled briefcase, has also given the U.S. military a far clearer picture of the guerrillas' command-and-control

network in Baghdad, and has confirmed the existence of rebel cells whose presence was previously only suspected, Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling of the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division said.

The surge in new detail was giving U.S. commanders evidence that Saddam played a moral and financial role in the anti-U.S. insurgency, Hertling said.

Meanwhile, the insurgency showed no signs of letting up



U.S. troops inspect the site of a car bombing in Baghdad on Monday.

Monday. Suicide bombers attacked police stations in the capital, killing eight people and injuring 10 officers in the northern outskirts of Baghdad, officials said. (AP)



## World

## In Brief

## NETHERLANDS

**Clark, Behind Closed Doors, Testifies at Milosevic Trial**

Presidential hopeful Wesley Clark faced his wartime foe Slobodan Milosevic for the first time since the former Yugoslav leader's fall, testifying Monday at his war crimes trial at The Hague. Clark, a retired four-star general and former NATO supreme commander, will testify behind closed doors over two days. The hearings will continue Tuesday, with Milosevic able to cross-examine Clark. (AP)

## SOUTH KOREA

**Ex-Opposition Leader Admits To Amassing Illegal Funds**

A failed presidential candidate said Monday he should go to prison for amassing \$43 million in illegal election campaign funds last year. Lee Hoi-chang — former head of the main opposition Grand National Party — lost to President Roh Moo-hyun by a thin margin in last December's vote. "I will go to jail, taking all the burden with me," Lee said, admitting wrongdoing. (AP)

## BELGIUM

**EU Constitution Delayed Until Next Year After Talks Fail**

A first-ever constitution for the European Union will likely be pushed back until the end of next year at the earliest, officials said Monday. The EU's executive office in Brussels said efforts to restart the contentious negotiations need to be put on ice for now. Two days of talks aimed at wrapping up the text, which was 18 months in the drafting, ended abruptly Saturday amid disagreements over how to share power in the EU. (AP)

## TURKEY

**Bomb Suspect Says He Was Trained at Al Qaeda Camp**

A Turkish Islamic militant suspected of preparing the truck bombs that killed 62 people in Istanbul last month has confessed that he underwent three months of training at an al Qaeda camp in Afghanistan in 1994, an intelligence official said Monday. Fevzi Yitiz also told police that two other accomplices met with Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan in 2002 and received his blessing for the attacks, the official said on condition of anonymity. (AP)

# Afghans Debate Women's Roles

## Constitutional council gives female delegate key position at talks

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Afghanistan's constitutional council hit its first controversy Monday, with women delegates denouncing their colleagues for trying to shut them out of leadership positions.

"In this tent, we are 100 women against 400 men. But we represent more than 50 percent of Afghan society," said Nadira, a delegate from Kabul. Like many Afghans, she goes by only one name.

After much wrangling, one of the female delegates was granted a

deputy chairman's position.

The council, or loya jirga, began Sunday in a huge tent on the grounds of a university in Kabul. The 500 delegates are meeting to hammer out a new charter for this war-ravaged land, a major milestone ahead of elections scheduled for next June.

There had been threats that Taliban insurgents might target the council. Despite the extremely tight security, two loud explosions echoed across Kabul early Tuesday. The location of the blasts was unclear. A spokesman for international peacekeepers said there were no reports of casualties.

PAUL HAVEN (AP)

## AZERBAIJAN | REVERENCE



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANTCHENKO/AP

**FAREWELL:** Azerbaijanis stand in line to attend the funeral of former President Geidar Aliev in Baku on Monday. Aliev, who was 80, died Friday of heart failure. His 41-year-old son, Ilham, was elected president in October, essentially creating the first family dynasty in the former Soviet Union.

## Gay Rumors Lead to Shakeup in Peru

LIMA, PERU | With his popularity dropping, President Alejandro Toledo swore in a new Cabinet chief and several ministers Monday in an attempt to stabilize his government, days after he fired the country's first female prime minister in the wake of a gossip-laden political scuffle.

Toledo named congressman Carlos Ferrero to replace Prime Minister Beatriz Merino, whom he fired on Friday amid a salacious scandal about Merino's personal

life. According to media reports, Merino lost Toledo's confidence by going public with allegations that a political rival was spreading rumors that she is a lesbian.

Merino, a single, 56-year-old Harvard-trained lawyer, has said she is not homosexual and that political enemies have been attacking her since she took office six months ago. Homosexuality is a taboo subject in Peru's conservative society. DREW BENSON (AP)

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## Local

# Protesters Disrupt Museum Opening

**Two men arrested for actions taken against Enola Gay exhibit**

CHANTILLY, VA. | A small group of protesters briefly disrupted the opening of the National Air and Space Museum's new annex at Dulles International Airport Monday, spilling a red liquid supposed to resemble blood near the Enola Gay exhibit and throwing an object that dented the airplane.

Two men were arrested after security broke up the demonstration. Thomas K. Siemer, 73, of Columbus, Ohio, was charged with felony destruction of property and loitering, while Gregory Wright of Hagerstown, Md., faced a misdemeanor loitering charge.

Several atomic bomb survivors from Japan also expressed dismay that information on the effects of the bomb dropped by the Enola Gay on Hiroshima Aug. 6, 1945, was not included in the exhibit.

"If they want to show these



The Enola Gay exhibit drew protesters on opening day of the new museum.

planes, that's fine but we can't help but also demand that they show the damage and the stories that take place behind these weapons," said Terumi Tanaka, 71, a survivor of the Nagasaki atomic bomb attack.

The Enola Gay is on display at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

## Malvo Not Mentally Ill, Doctors Say

CHESAPEAKE, VA. | Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo was strong-willed and hot-tempered but was not mentally ill during last year's sniper rampage in the Washington, D.C., area, a prosecution psychologist testified Monday.

Stanton Samenow's testimony contradicted defense portraits of a malleable, obedient Malvo vulnerable to brainwashing by sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad.

A second prosecution psychol-

ogist, Evan Nelson, also concluded Malvo had no mental illness during the prosecution's rebuttal to Malvo's defense, which rested earlier Monday.

Defense psychiatrists have said Malvo's identity was skewed by Muhammad to the point he could not tell right from wrong during last year's sniper spree.

The prosecution rested its case after Nelson's testimony. Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush estimated the jury will hear closing statements Tuesday afternoon, after which they would begin deliberations. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

## HEARSAY | METRO EXTENSION

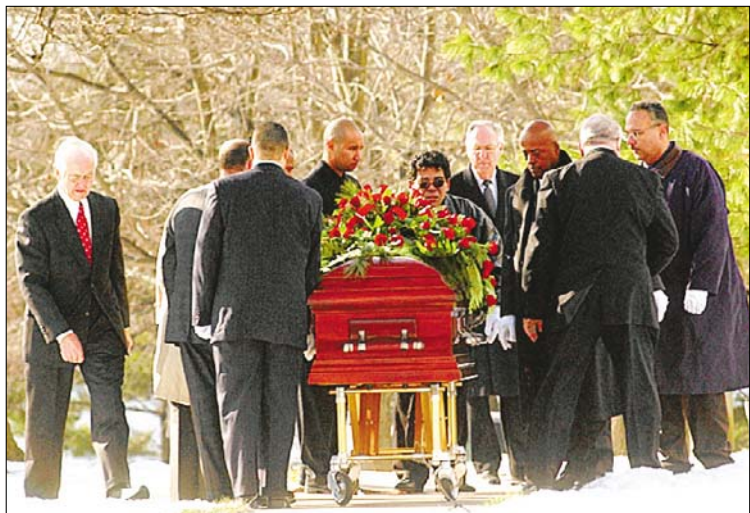


**"We must move forward with a plan to extend rail to Tysons and on to Dulles."**

—FAIRFAX BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN GERALD E. CONNOLLY WEIGHING IN ON METRO'S PROPOSED EXTENSION INTO NORTHERN VIRGINIA BEFORE BEING SWORN INTO OFFICE MONDAY NIGHT.



## Local



Pallbearers prepare to move the casket of Jonathan P. Luna before his funeral in Columbia, Md. Luna was found stabbed in a Pennsylvania creek on Dec. 4.

## Friends, Family Recall Luna as Devoted Man

COLUMBIA, MD. | Friends and family of Jonathan Luna, as well as prominent members of Maryland's legal community, remembered the slain federal prosecutor Monday as a warm and engaging person with a winning smile who was devoted to his family and to the law.

Hundreds of people attended a funeral service for Luna in Columbia.

The 38-year-old prosecutor was found drowned with 36 stab

wounds in a rural Lancaster County, Pa., creek on Dec. 4. Federal investigators are still searching for who ever killed him.

Federal Judge Andre Davis said he first met Luna when the young man first became a federal prosecutor in Baltimore four years ago. Davis described Luna as a deeply caring person devoted to protecting the community.

"He loved his wife. He adored his children," Davis said. BRIAN WITTE (AP)

## In Brief

### WASHINGTON

#### Animals Saved From Fire

On Monday, District firefighters saved 11 cats and two dogs from a burning building on the 4200 block of Reno Road NW. A third dog made it out on its own and a fourth was later found alive. However, five cats died. The residents of the duplex escaped before firefighters arrived on the scene. (AP)

### WASHINGTON

#### Mercury Spilled in School

Two students and an adult got trace amounts of mercury on their clothes after a thermometer broke in a science class at Hine Junior High School in Southeast, authorities said Monday. Twenty-two students and a teacher were inside the classroom when the mercury spilled. All were checked and no one was hurt. (AP)

## The Lotteries

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-0-1
Evening Lucky Numbers	3-3-8
Mid-day DC 4	8-1-4-9
Evening DC 4	1-2-2-8
Quick Cash	20-13-31-10-8-27
Hot Five	5-4-19-3-10

#### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-4-0
Evening Pick 3	7-7-4
Mid-day Pick 4	4-3-7-6
Evening Pick 4	4-5-4-6
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Mid-day Pick 4	8-1-5-3
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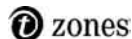


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# Money

## U.S., World Markets Yield Mixed Returns

### Saddam's capture inspires short-lived rally on Wall Street

NEW YORK | Wall Street sank lower Monday as disappointing sales at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. chilled the retailing sector and eroded early gains following the weekend capture of fallen Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Stocks traded briskly around the globe on news that Saddam was in custody, but the rally was short-lived on Wall Street.

Overseas markets saw gains. Japan's Nikkei stock average finished 3.2 percent higher following news of the arrest. The reaction was more muted in Europe, where major indexes lost ground but still ended



A Japanese man walks by the sign indicating a rise in the Nikkei index.

the day higher.

"These psychological things, like the Dow crossing 10,000 and the capture of Saddam Hussein, are [what] we need to draw individual investors from the sidelines," said Jeffrey Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Advisors of Philadelphia. MEG RICHARDS (AP)

## Northwest Pilots Union Considers Cuts

ST. PAUL, MINN. | The union for pilots at Northwest Airlines says it will draft a proposal that would cut pilots' compensation and have

it ready by March at the latest.

The Eagan-based carrier, which has lost \$1.3 billion since early 2001, has been seeking to reduce its over-

all labor costs by \$1 billion a year, but its unions have been cool to concessions.

The union Friday asked for investment options in return for the compensation concessions. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
OreStl	4.69	+56	+13.6
Dial	28.38	+2.50	+9.7
Footstar	4.36	+38	+9.5
AAR	11.90	+1.00	+9.2
ElPasoCp	7.32	+58	+8.6

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
UPlanters	30.41	-3.59	-10.6
MetrisCos	4.36	-.47	-9.7
WDigitl	10.40	-1.04	-9.1
Primedia	2.83	-.27	-8.7
MEMC	9.35	-.86	-8.4

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EnPointe	3.57	+97	+37.4
PaulaFn	2.63	+62	+30.8
WheelPit n	16.05	+3.24	+25.3
Oglebay	2.55	+46	+22.0
AtlAm	3.20	+51	+18.9

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Dynacq	11.43	-2.94	-20.5
Cerdyn	34.68	-7.81	-18.4
StnnEH	2.41	-.54	-18.3
NtwrEng	4.46	-.94	-17.4
Highvld	2.29	-.43	-15.8

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.0625	1.00
3-month	0.89	0.90
2-year	1.83	1.90
10-year	4.26	4.27
30-year	5.08	5.11

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5727	.5722	.6293
Canadian Dollar	1.3138	1.3157	1.5606
European Euro	.8131	.8138	.9779
Japanese Yen	107.52	107.68	120.47
Mexican Peso	11.3150	11.2790	10.1755
Taiwanese Dollar	34.01	34.02	34.84

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-19.34	-30.74	-6.10
-0.19	-1.58	-0.57
10022.82	1918.26	1068.04

### Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amersham	66.67	-.13	+50.2
Amgen	59.73	+.30	+23.6
ApplBio	21.06	-.08	+20.1
BiogenIdc	36.64	-.30	+10.5
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## In Brief

## EUROPEAN SOCCER

**Zidane Named Player of Year**

Zinedine Zidane won the FIFA Player of the Year award for a third time Monday, beating French countryman Thierry Henry and Real Madrid teammate Ronaldo. Birgit Prinz of Germany won the women's player of the year vote, easily ahead of Mia Hamm. Hamm won the soccer honor the two previous years. World Cup champion Brazil won its second straight Team of the Year award. (AP)

## PRO HOCKEY

**Lowly Hurricanes Fire Coach**

Paul Maurice was fired Monday as coach of the Carolina Hurricanes, who are next-to-last in their division. Maurice was replaced by former New York Islanders coach Peter Laviolette, general manager Jim Rutherford said.



Maurice

Maurice coached the franchise for nine years, including two when it played in Hartford. (AP)

## PRO FOOTBALL

**McKay Named Falcons' GM**

Rich McKay was hired as general manager by the Atlanta Falcons on Monday, filling a position that's been open for two years. The move comes four days after the Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers released McKay from his contract. McKay was Blank's first choice when he bought the Falcons two years ago, but the Bucs wanted compensation. Blank balked, prompting McKay to sign an extension with Tampa Bay. The Falcons' GM position has remained vacant since then. (AP)

## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Connecticut Makes Return To Top Spot in New AP Poll**

The No. 1 team in The Associated Press men's college basketball Top 25 changed for the fourth straight week, with Connecticut moving up one place Monday to reclaim their preseason spot. Kansas and Florida took turns leading the poll with the Gators, who were No. 1 last week, losing two straight games. (AP)



**Thomas Boswell:** There is a new attitude in Baltimore after the signing of Miguel Tejada | Today's Post, Sports

## No Phoned-in Celebrations

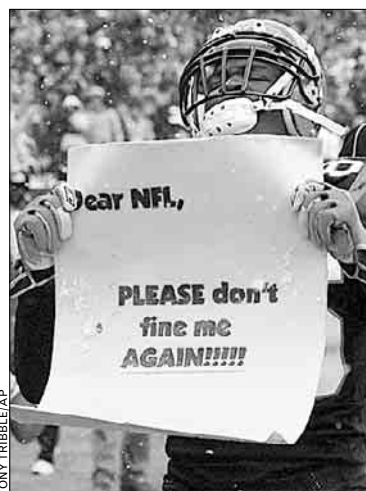
Horn's cell phone call sparks new debate over showboating

PRO FOOTBALL | Joe Horn calls home on his cell phone. Chad Johnson waves a sign. Terrell Owens pulls out a pen and autographs the ball.

These NFL touchdown celebrations are taking on a life of their own, with players spending the week devising new ways to get attention on the field, while the league tries to come up with ways to stop them.

After Cincinnati's first touchdown Sunday afternoon, Johnson retrieved a sign that said: "Dear NFL: Please don't fine me again."

He acknowledged he was trying to top Owens's signature play — pulling a marker out of his sock and autographing a football last season. Sunday night, the Saints' Horn dialed up his family on a cell phone



TONY TRIBBLE/AP



ANDREW COHON/AP

**CALLING CARDS:** Chad Johnson's sign and Joe Horn's phone drew fire Sunday.

hidden in the goalpost padding.

Horn reignited a debate that has raged through pro sports for decades. In a team sport, what's the point of showboating?

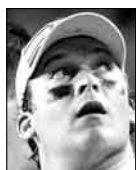
"Guys are trying creative ways to bring more attention to them-

selves," Redskins running back Chad Morton said.

That's why coaches and older players don't like it. "You should celebrate and have fun with it, but don't try to one-up everybody," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. JOE KAY (AP)

## Hasselbeck: 'I'm Going To Play Better Next Week'

PRO FOOTBALL | Tim Hasselbeck was greeted with a warm hug from coach Steve Spurrier's wife near the front desk at Redskins Park on Monday. Such comfort was needed a day after he posted the ultimate quarterback goose egg.



Hasselbeck

"I'm going to play better next week," Hasselbeck said. "I'm telling you that right now."

Hasselbeck has nowhere to go but up after his 0.0 quarterback rating in the Washington Redskins'

27-0 loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

"He had a guy in his face almost half the night," Spurrier said. "Maybe he didn't have as many guys open as we had hoped at times, so it was a difficult night."

Hasselbeck joined the team at midseason when Spurrier decided Rob Johnson wasn't a satisfactory backup. A season-ending foot injury to Patrick Ramsey then thrust Hasselbeck into his first NFL starting stint. He is 1-2 and hopes to earn at least a backup roster spot next season. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

## Millen Apologizes For Derogatory Remark to Morton

PRO FOOTBALL | Detroit Lions president Matt Millen apologized Monday for using a derogatory term for gays in a heated exchange with Kansas City receiver Johnnie Morton.

Millen was talking with Kansas City players outside their locker room after the Chiefs' 45-17 victory Sunday when he ran into Morton.

Millen said he congratulated Morton but was greeted with an insult. "Unfortunately, I retaliated with a derogatory term directed toward Johnnie," Millen said. "I apologize if I offended anyone." (AP)

## HEARSAY | ROCKET

"You guys are going to have to hang onto your Hummer because nothing's changed."

— RETIRED PITCHER ROGER CLEMENS  
REJECTING A HOUSTON CAR DEALER'S OFFER TO GIVE HIM A HUMMER IF HE WILL COME OUT OF RETIREMENT TO PITCH FOR THE ASTROS.

## Today's TV Lineup

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** (7 p.m. on ESPN2) Memphis plays in its first bowl game in 32 years when it faces North Texas in the New Orleans Bowl.

**PRO HOCKEY** (7:30 p.m. on Comcast) The

Washington Capitals visit the Atlanta Thrashers.

**PRO BASKETBALL** (7 p.m. on NewsChannel 8) The Washington Wizards host the Utah Jazz.



**BY THE NUMBERS:** A record-tying five Oklahoma Sooners were on The Associated Press All-America football team announced Monday. Oklahoma equaled the record set by Army in 1945 and matched by the Sooners in 1987. (AP)

## LIVE ONLINE

## Chat House

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

Washington Post columnists **TONY KORNHEISER** and **MICHAEL WILBON** were online Monday discussing the Redskins and other sports news.

**Can either of you remember a more humiliating defeat in Redskins history? As a fan for nearly 25 years, I don't think I can remember anything this bad as it was Sunday against Dallas.**

**TONY:** I'm sure there have been more humiliating defeats, but I would say this is the worst certainly in Steve Spurrier's tenure here. The Redskins were thoroughly and convincingly beaten.

**Who do you suppose Joe Horn was calling from the end zone last night? If he'd pulled that stunt against, say, the '85 Bears or any number of Raider teams, my guess is that he'd need to have the number of an ambulance on speed dial.**

**MIKE:** It doesn't matter who Joe Horn was calling. He behaved like a fool. I'm not as crazed about this topic as Tony is, but I agree with him in principle. It was just stupid on EVERY level.

**How good is the Maryland's men's basketball team this year? Do you expect much from them in terms of the ACC tourney or the NCAA's? Okay, it's much too early in the season, but what's your gut feeling from what you've seen so far?**

**MIKE:** We can't begin to know that until late January, early February. You can't sit around and wait for an experienced team because they'll turn around and leave. Gut feeling? They are pretty good so far. They'll probably finish fourth in the ACC and that would get them in the tournament. But I'm not about to make any pronouncements about stuff that is going to happen in March.

**In a strange way, it's kind of comforting to see the Wizards at 9-20 again.**

**TONY:** It's where they are every year. They have been 9-20 every year for the last 15 years. They stink. They are the constant in our universe and I completely understand how you'd find that comforting.



# Lookout



**HOLIDAY CHEERS:** Dancers from the pro-government band Madera perform to a protest song, or "gaita," called "Oh, No! Chavez Will Not Go!" in Caracas, Venezuela.

## Caustic Carols

**With their president under fire, Venezuelans add new venom to a holiday music tradition**

**POLITICS** | With a nod to Christmas cheer, Venezuela's politicians are reveling — and railing — in a sometimes sour twist on holiday season carols called "gaitas."

Venezuela's feisty gaitas always have had a political bent, much like calypso in the Caribbean. But this year's lyrics are spouting more venom because of an opposition campaign seeking to force a recall referendum on President Hugo Chavez.

Political songs by gaita groups are flooding the airwaves. Rap and heavy metal bands also are taking sides in the political fight over Chavez, who is seen by some as a champion of the poor and by others as a Fidel Castro wannabe.

Among the titles released by opposition bands: "Pinocchio," "When The Referendum Arrives," "Rat With Two Legs" and "To Cuba!," which pokes fun at Chavez's

admiration for Castro.

The president's allies haven't missed a beat.

Grupo Madera, a pro-government song and dance troupe, has a catchy musical video called "Oh, No! Chavez Will Not Go!" that is broadcast regularly by government television.

Gaitas emerged in this South American nation during the 17th century when African slaves sang protest chants accompanied by drums and rattles.

Over the years, the genre has added guitars and horns. It's also been influenced by merengue and calypso, always celebrating Christmas and always poking fun at the politicians of the moment.

Dozens of new gaita songs usually appear on store racks each holiday season. Last year, however, was an exception.

Venezuela's opposition political parties, labor unions and business groups called a general strike in December trying to force Chavez to quit. Many stores closed and many people were virtually robbed of their holidays as opposition leaders promised Christmas would come once the president resigned.

But the strike petered out after two months. Strike leaders fled into exile, and Chavez emerged stronger than ever. His supporters celebrated with songs such as "Feliz Chavidad," a take on "Feliz Navidad."

This year, Venezuelans of all political stripes began celebrating Christmas early — and some are singing with a vengeance.

"We have decided this year ... to move Christmas ahead because the coup plotters sabotaged Christmas last year," Chavez declared last month. "They sabotaged baby Jesus, the Three Kings, Saint Nicholas!"

Military musicians and government sympathizers are putting on Friday night gaita concerts at

Caracas's Fort Tiuna army base.

Songs by pro-government artists like heavy metal singer Paul Gillman celebrate Chavez's "revolution" for the poor while others badmouth last year's strike leaders.

Leopoldo Castillo, a prominent radio and TV host critical of Chavez, is airing a gaita that suggests the president prepare for a spanking — amid other innuendoes — on his Globovision television show, "Hello Citizen!"

Castillo cuts the chorus short just before it refers to what he calls "inappropriate" words. But

**Among the titles released by opposition bands: "Pinocchio," "When The Referendum Arrives," and "Rat With Two Legs."**

he defends the lyrics as "a perfectly valid form of protest."

Gaitas "have always been a form of protest," Castillo says. "Gaitas usually mean singing about Christmas, New Year's Eve and peace. But they have also been a popular expression that sums up the moment." CHRISTOPHER TOOTHAKER (AP)

## Students Swamped By Guides

**COLLEGE** | Like many high school seniors, Kim Row waded through scores of books and Internet sites this fall, assessing thousands of colleges and universities.

Her conclusions:

- College students almost always give their own school bad grades.
- Guidebook authors seem to use the word "beautiful" to describe every American campus.
- Guidebooks and Web sites can help a student narrow the field of colleges, but it's a mistake to rely on them too much.

Experts agree, particularly since there are an ever-growing array of guides that offer admissions advice and rate schools on almost any criterion — academics, parties, even a Web site devoted to the quantity and quality of squirrels on the nation's campuses (it's called The Campus Squirrel Listings). The sheer number of guides can be intimidating.

Nearly 125 overflowed two shelves at a New York City bookstore recently. When former reporter Edward Fiske began editing what is now called the "Fiske Guide to Colleges" in the early 1980s, he shared space on bookstore shelves with only a handful of competitors.

Like the annual U.S. News and World Report college rankings that followed, Fiske's decision to informally rate schools drew fire from within higher education.

Two decades later, Paul Boyer — author of "College Rankings Exposed" — claims that the annual U.S. News survey and Fiske-like guides have turned choosing a college into a ratings game loathed — but reluctantly embraced, nonetheless — by higher education.

"Higher education is running around figuring how to win by the game of rankings, which does not encourage real innovation or commitment to learning," he said.

For Row, who knew she wanted to major in a science at a school outside Tennessee, a campus visit was more informative than any guidebook. She is now waiting to learn if she's been accepted by Colgate University, her top choice. STEVE GIEGERICH (AP)



# Gimme a C-H-E-E-R

What does that spell? An academic history of the great American sideline sport

**BOOKS** | Behold the cheerleader: definition of popularity, goddess of the school and object of desire.

But it wasn't always so.

"You can learn a lot about American society through cheerleading," said Washington State University professor Pamela Bettis, co-author of the new book, "Cheerleader!: An American Icon" (Palgrave MacMillan).

Bettis, an acknowledged unsuccessful cheerleader candidate, co-wrote the book with Natalie Guice Adams of the University of Alabama, a former cheerleader. They describe it as a critical look at an activity as American as jazz and baseball.

The book began as an academic study of leadership among adolescent girls, Bettis said. The authors found that their interview subjects were constantly mentioning cheerleaders as leaders, so they decided to change their focus.

"This is not a book I ever expected to write," Bettis said.

Many girls either aspire to be cheerleaders or feel oppressed by them. Dating a cheerleader conveys status on males. These attitudes show up in popular culture, where cheerleaders are often lampooned or maligned by sneering critics, Bettis said.

Examples include the self-absorbed Spartan cheerleaders on "Saturday Night



**WE'VE GOT SPIRIT:** The New York cast of the parody "Debbie Does Dallas"; how about you?

CAROL ROSEGG/TWP

Live" or the hyper-competitive cheerleaders in "Bring It On" ("I'm sexy, I'm cute, I'm popular to boot").

Cheerleading started as an all-male activity at elite colleges in the East. "If you could lead rowdy students during rowdy football games, you could be a leader in the emerging industrial order," Bettis said.

That may explain why presidents from Dwight D. Eisenhower to George W. Bush were cheerleaders.

During World War II, cheerleading lost status as a male activity and became associated almost exclusively with females. In the 1970s, cheerleading became highly sexualized.

Then the sport changed again, becoming an athletic competition that required gymnastics and tumbling ability for its high-flying routines.

These days cheerleading combines traditional notions of feminine beauty with athletic ability, Bettis said. Cheerleading recently has become an instrument of social change, as many protest groups use cheer tactics in public demonstrations.

Bettis was never a cheerleader herself, saying only that she tried out for the squad at home in Churchland, Virginia, and "for unknown reasons" was not selected.

NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS (AP)

## Top Stops

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### Corn-Fed Funny: Jim Gaffigan

A wholesome Midwestern guy with Gephard-pale eyelashes and a sneaky sense of humor, Jim Gaffigan made a brief prime-time splash in 2000-01 as the wholesome, Midwestern hero of CBS's "Welcome to New York" (with Christine Baranski as New York), but he's gone back to his first love, stand-up. Through Dec. 21.

*The Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; tonight's performance 8:30 p.m.; 202-296-7008. (Farragut West)*

### Love and Death: 'Onegin' at the Opera House

Pushkin's epic poem comes to life under the direction of Valery Gergiev when the Kirov Opera presents Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin." Through Dec. 21.

*Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; tonight's performance 7:30 p.m., \$40-\$250; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)*



"Eugene Onegin" is a girl's ultimate 10-year high-school reunion fantasy.

## Cream of the Crop

**MUSIC** | Kelis's multi-colored 'fro may be gone but her brash swagger is not.

Featuring one of 2003's most infectious singles, Kelis's "Tasty" (Star Trak/Arista) her third album, is an urbane romp through left-field soul. The record, produced primarily by The Neptunes, is aptly titled, with white-hot cameos from fiancé Nas and OutKast's Andre 3000.

One could spend an entire



CHRIS POLK/FILMMAGIC.COM/AP

Hey, Mr. Milkman, put a record on.

review talking about the raw single "Milkshake," that rare song that has appealed to mainstream and underground heads.

And why not? It sounds as if recorded from blown speakers as a vibrating bass thud rides a tribal drum. Over the three minutes, she effortlessly switches from spoken-word taunting to chanteuse-like dares. Couplets of "I can teach you/but I have to charge" will stick in your head for weeks.

Although hard to match, some songs come close. The penultimate "Stick Up" comes the closest. Kelis

serves the chorus "Put your hands up in the air/ It's a stick up/ I'm a take your heart from here/ Now let's fix up" in a creamy choirgirl voice, coating the sinister beat.

Of the rest, the dancehall back-drop of opener "Trick Me" is a delicious appetizer with a steamy, harmonizing bridge.

Nas readopts the "Nasty" moniker for "In Public" and it's just that — take a guess what it's about.

Kelis has undoubtedly arrived and right on time because — "la-la-la-la the boys are waiting." JAKE O'CONNELL (AP)

### Blues Alley Christmas: Merry Stan Kenton

D.C.'s Capitol Bones Big Band celebrates "A Stan Kenton Christmas" by playing songs from the legendary bandleader/pianist's album, "A Merry Christmas." The trombone ensemble's own recording of the same name is a swinging collection of jazz, gospel and traditional holiday music.

*Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 8 and 10 p.m.; 202-337-4141.*

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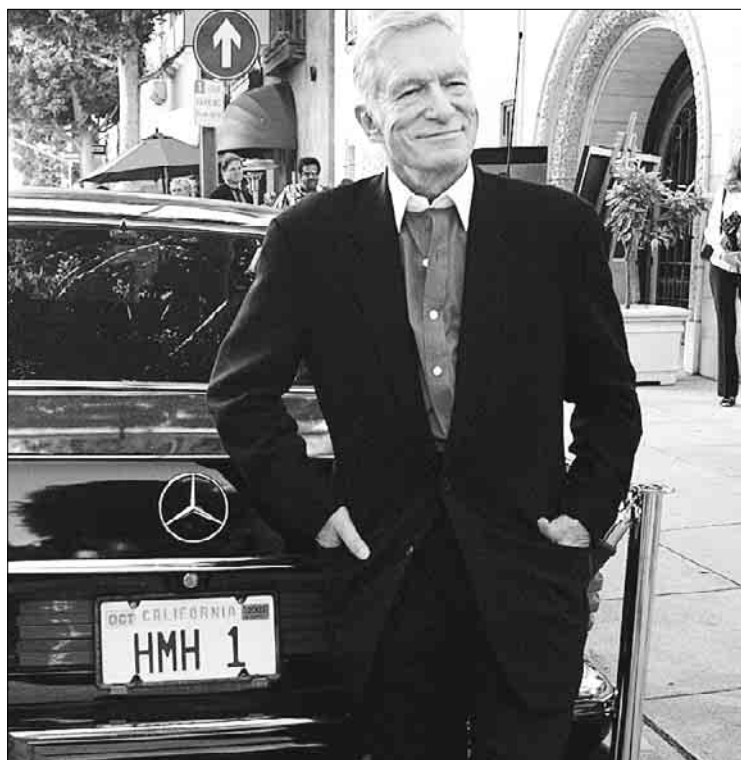
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## Entertainment



**THY NAME IS VANITY PLATE:** The impresario poses with his Mercedes stretch limo.

## Lion in Winter

### Hugh Hefner, still swinging as his magazine turns 50

**PERSONALITY** | Fifty years ago this month, the centerfold became a staple of American culture. Playboy has grown into an adult-entertainment empire owned and operated by Hugh Hefner, the company's 77-year-old founder and a living legend.

**Fifty years is a long time, considering that when Playboy started, no one was sure there would be a second issue.**

I started the magazine with literally no money. I had \$600 borrowed dollars and put my furniture up as collateral for part of the loan. The first issue didn't have a date on it because I wasn't sure there would be a second. So you can imagine, in that context, how unreal it is to be sitting here after half a century.

**The Playboy brand has become hip again in recent years. Why do you think that is?**

Well, I think to some extent it has to do with the fact that we went through a period in which both the brand and I were kind of in a tunnel. I think the world and society

during the '80s and early '90s was in kind of a more conservative time, politically, socially and sexually. I think a new generation has grown up and is looking back at that with a certain kind of retro sense.

**But now we're living in a world where hard-core porn stars are featured on magazine covers. Has the world moved beyond Playboy?**

Playboy has never been the most explicit because we never really thought about it as a sex magazine. It's a lifestyle magazine.

**Will Playboy keep the brand division between its Playboy networks and Spice, which offers more explicit fare?**

Yes. I think it's the same reason why Disney releases Disney movies separately from Miramax movies.

**Hef, you're not just the founder of the magazine but also the company's most visible spokesperson. What are the company's succession plans after you're gone?**

Well, I've got two young boys of 13 and 12 [Cooper and Marsden, his sons with former wife Kimberly Conrad] that are ... very interested to get in the business. So I've got a very nice continuity here. **SCOTT COLLINS (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)**

## TopStops

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**Lestis  
Turner, Turner, Turner**

**4** The guitarist Steve Turner is best known for his psychedelicish, fuzzed-out guitar buzz on the great Seattle band Mudhoney's records. His solo stuff, oddly, is intelligent folk-rock played acoustic.

*Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 8:30 p.m., \$12; 703-522-8340. (Court House)*

**Deep-Friend Fun:  
'Cooking With Elvis'**

**5** Local theatrical pranksters Woolly Mammoth are at it again with "Cooking With Elvis," in which an Elvis impersonator/paterfamilias from the grim north of England watches his family unravel in the kitchen and the bedroom while he recuperates from a car accident. Written by Lee Hall ("Billy Elliott") and directed by Tom Prewitt, it is said to be heart-wrenching, ironic and in poor taste. Through Jan. 11.

*Kennedy Center, film theater, 2700 F St. NW; tonight's performance 8 p.m., pay what you can; see [woollymammoth.net](http://woollymammoth.net) for details. (Foggy Bottom)*



**MMM, DONUTS:** beauties as hot and glazed as bathers on a Brazilian beach.

**Donut Miss It:  
Krispy Kreme Opening**

**6** The great Southern food group rolls into Rockville with a new store and week of fun deals and special events. Be the first through the door of the newest local Krispy Kreme and win 52 dozen donuts, which may or may not be enough for your holiday party. The glazed festivities run through Fri., Dec. 19.

*Krispy Kreme, 14919 Shady Grove Road, Rockville; grand opening 5:30 a.m.*

# Entertainment

## ON TV TONIGHT

### PRISONERS' PROSE

**P.O.V.** (9 p.m., PBS) The challenging and ultimately exasperating documentary "What I Want My Words to Do to You" chronicles playwright Eve Ensler's ("The Vagina Monologues") work in a writer's workshop in a New York women's prison.

There she cajoles convicted killers and other criminals into writing and discussing their crimes, their mothers, their childhoods and their remorse about the

choices that brought them to prison. It's powerful stuff. Some of these women are notorious criminals, including teacher-seducer Pamela Smart and Weather Underground radicals Kathy Boudin and Judith Clark.

Not content to allow these tortured souls to speak for themselves, Ensler enlists a troupe of famous actresses and rich Hollywood stars, including Glenn Close, Marisa Tomei and Rosie Perez, who dramatize the prisoner's prose before a hushed, incarcerated audience. The women's words are powerful and painful enough. They don't



Would you pour your felonious but basically decent heart out to this woman?

need to be filtered through the prism of Broadway and Tinsel Town.

### DECK THE SCHOOLHALLS

**GROUND FORCE GOES FESTIVE** (8 p.m., BBC America). Charlie and crew spruce up the grounds of a school for the disadvantaged just in time for Christmas.

### NO FLASHING BOOTH?

**THE SIMPLE LIFE** (8:30 p.m., Fox) The girls work the kissing booth at the local fair.

### PLUG-O-RAMA

**LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS) Along with Barbara Walters and Michael McDonald, the

last "Survivor" appears on Letterman tonight. In your **FACE**, Jonny Fairplay! **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC) David Arquette and Train.

**LATE NIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN** (12:35 a.m., NBC) Kelly Ripa and John Stamos.

**THE LATE, LATE SHOW WITH CRAIG KILBORN** (12:37 a.m., CBS) Tom Jones, Elisha Cuthbert and Mitch Albom.

### CULT CHOICE

**BLUE CRUSH** (7:10 p.m., Starz) Femalesurfers battle the waves in the 2002 drama, "Blue Crush." **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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## Stain Removers

**DERMATOLOGY** | Across the United States, tattoo removal is skyrocketing. Almost all of the procedures now are laser removals, which increased 27 percent from 2001 to 2003, according to the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery.

People who regret their tattoos are highly motivated to get rid of them, doctors say. But prior to the advent of high-tech lasers about a decade ago, removing ink from the dermis was a nasty process. Smaller tattoos were usually cut out; larger tattoos were scratched off, along with layers of skin. Scarring was inevitable.

Now, skilled doctors with the most sophisticated laser equipment can typically remove 95 percent of a tattoo. (Often, barely visible bits of ink remain in the skin.) Scarring occurs in only about 5



**"WINO FOREVER" NO MORE:** A woman has her dragon tattoo removed via laser.

percent of cases because the lasers pass through layers of skin — for the most part without damaging them — to destroy the ink by blasting it into tiny fragments.

After each treatment, the tattoo area remains inflamed for several days, then a scab forms and

eventually flakes off — sometimes with bits of ink in it. Typically, 10 percent to 20 percent of the tattoo is destroyed with each treatment. Gradually the tattoo begins to look broken up; solid lines, for example, become dotted lines. Soon, it's gone for good. SHARI ROAN (L.A. TIMES)

**Worry?** A look at mitral valve prolapse, the generally benign heart condition that recently killed an 8-year-old from Centreville. In today's Washington Post, Health.

### REMOVAL TIPS

**SELECT** an experienced doctor. Usually a dermatological laser surgeon has the most experience. Ask the doctor how many removals he or she has done.

**FIND OUT** if the laser system the doctor plans to use is right for your skin type and your kind of tattoo.

**ASK ABOUT** the possible side effects and risk of the treatments, such as scarring.

**ASK WHETHER** a test spot is necessary.

Test patches are often performed on facial tattoos and on people with darker skin.

**IF YOU** opt for a tattoo, remember that yellows and greens tend to be the hardest colors of ink to remove. (L.A. TIMES)



Angelina Jolie had this baby removed.

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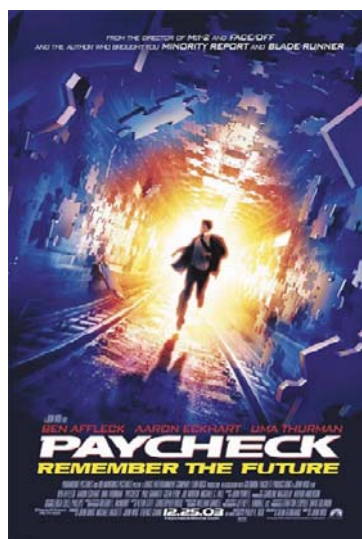
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**FORMER MODEL, 27, 5'10", 125lbs,** African-American female, seeking male, 35-50, for friendship, fun and travel. **✆772154**

**SBF, 38, 6', 145lbs,** fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **✆356120**

**SF, 20, 5'4", 140lbs,** black/brown, likes working out, reading, travel, sports, music. Seeking SHM, 21-30, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆641792**

**SBPF, 31, FAIR-SKINNED,** feminine, full-figured, with great sense of humor, varied interests. Seeks SPM, 30-40, for friendship, laughs, intelligent conversation, possible LTR. **✆636668**

**SWF, 33, ATTORNEY,** new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog a+. **✆589833**

**SOUTHERN GAL, 37 SBF 5'2",** down to earth, enjoys concerts, movies, quiet times at home. Seeking SBPM, 35-45, for friendship and possible LTR. **✆486549**

**ATTRACTIVE, FULL FIGURED SBF, 28,** Leo, non smoker, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities and dancing. Seeking HM, 25-35, with similar interests. For friendship. **✆453458**

**DBF, 38, 5'5", 120lbs,** enjoys walks, reading, traveling, music, the beach. Seeking honest, sincere man, for friendship first. **✆440790**

**BF, 35, TWO** children, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation first, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **✆387069**

**SAPF, 38, SEEKS** honest, sincere, good hearted, educated SW/APM, 35-48, N/S, who enjoys nature, music, for LTR. **✆895164**

**38-YEAR-OLD SBF, MOTHER,** enjoys keeping busy and more. Looking to chill with an independent, honest, affectionate, fun-loving SBM friend for the winter and beyond. Thirsty for life and good times? **✆884369**

**SW TEACHER, 34,** is interested in all types of music (especially classical and 80s), and is looking for a man who stays active and cultured. **✆753605**

**BLACK BEAUTY, 31, 5'8",** professional, retired model, well-read, well-traveled, outspoken, classy, intelligent, French-speaking exotic lady ISO tall, intelligent, secure WM, 35-55. Call now. **✆648661**

**SPACEY, SWEET, THIRTY-SOMETHING DWF** mom, 5'4", Pisces, seeks nice, intelligent, good-looking and patient brown/dark-haired WM, 30-46, with free time. **✆589176**

**SBF, BROWN/BROWN, 5',** enjoys movies, walking on the beach. Seeking military SBM, 25-35. For casual dating. **✆542926**

**ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED SBF, 36,** Gemini, N/S, seeks WM, 36-40, N/S, who is educated, with no children, for LTR. **✆452998**

**SBPF, 26, 5'7", 160lbs,** seeks tall SPM, 24-30, 6'2"+, with a good sense of humor, for friendship, fun and possible LTR. **✆389196**

**EDUCATED SWF, 33, N/S,** big green eyes, nice smile, seeks SWM, 27-35, N/S, for LTR. **✆822484**

**JOYFUL AND LOVING SBCF, 39, N/S, N/D,** who is an encourager, humorous, ISO faithful SCM, 36-47, N/S, who's ready for friendship leading to possible marriage. **✆815833**

**SBF, 38, SAGITTARIUS,** mother, works at nursing home, laid-back, enjoys dining, movies, seeks man, 32-45, for friendship, possible romance. **✆713900**

**OPEN-MINDED, AFFECTIONATE DPF, 37,** seeks SWPM, 38+, N/S, mature, intelligent, kind, for romance, leading to commitment and family. **✆512872**

**CHANCE FOR ROMANCE. SBF, 36, 5'3", 165lbs,** Educated, affectionate, down-to-earth, feminine, childless. Looking to develop, build, and create the impossible with you, SBPM, 38+, N/S. **✆495690**

**SBF, 33, CANCER,** N/S, seeks BM, 25-40, N/S, for dating/LTR. **✆441357**

**PRETTY SWF, 34,** Leo, N/S, good morals and values, enjoys movies, nature, home life. Seeking Christian man, 33-45, for marriage and future family. **✆267890**

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**LOVELY BCPF, MID-30S, 5'8",** shapely, beautiful inside and out, classy, unpretentious, enjoys jazz, horseback riding, champagne, bubble baths, travel, romance. ISO tall, romantic BCPM, 34-48. **✆807503**

**SBF, 39, N/S, 5'4", 130lbs,** brown complexion, burgundy hair, RN, three children, enjoys movies, dining, quiet times, seeks woman, 29-50, for conversation, sharing special moments. **✆802729**

**TALL, INDEPENDENT SWPF, 37,** enjoys books, gardening, cats, horses, country drives, theater, music, festivals, exploring nature, variety and romance. **✆776826**

**22-YEAR-OLD, SBF, 5'10",** light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SBW/M, 27-36, with similar interests, for companionship. **✆771602**

**TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK,** plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **✆640310**

**36-YEAR-OLD, AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 5'3", 150lbs,** dark brown complexion, brown hair, no kids, laid-back, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, outdoor events, seeking gentleman, 35-40, with similar interests. **✆673648**

**AFRICAN LADY. SBF, 32, 5'9",** looking for SM, 40+, race open, for long-term relationship. No games please. **✆610855**

**I'M EVERYWOMAN. COSMOPOLITAN SWPF, 36,** curly long brown/blue, ISO financially secure, young-looking SWPM, 40-50, athletic build, who wants to share all life has to offer. **✆610019**

**FULL-FIGURED SBF, 26, 6'1",** Taurus, seeks SBM, 25-35, 6'+, who likes travel, sports, and quiet evenings at home, for LTR. **✆284970**

**VERY ATTRACTIVE, 28-YEAR-OLD SBCF, 5'8", 175lbs,** new to DC Metro area, loves travel, cooking, church. Looking for SBPM, 27-36, who can show me around town. **✆808209**

**EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57,** seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **✆686805**

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**ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWF, 37,** blonde, with sexy eyes and great legs, down-to-earth, fun-loving, and major football fan. Seeking SBM, 35-43, down-to-earth, for romance, possible LTR. **✆633699**

**SBF, 35, 5'3",** high-spirited, full of positive energy, smoker, not afraid to shoot from the hip, seeks BM, 43-55, smoker, independent. **✆752225**

**PROFESSIONAL, TALL, SLIM,** vegan, real estate expert, swimming, biking. Seeking WIM, 35-50, with same interests. **✆752691**

**SACF, 30, SCORPIO,** seeks someone who is kind, sincerity and honesty a must, loving, good sense of humor, 30-40, for friendship, possible LTR. No games. **✆644865**

**INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT, TRUSTWORTHY SBPF, 37,** seeks down-to-earth, humorous, loving SWM, 28-40, who enjoys football, dining out, reading, movies, music and more. **✆742806**

**BLOND, OUTGOING SWPF, 37, 5'6",** athletic, outdoors, attractive. Seeking SPM, 35-55, with similar interest. For friendship first possible LTR. **✆730510**

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 27, Aries,** N/S, educator, tall, athletic, seeks African-American S/DM, 24-37, N/S, for sharing fun, dinner movies, sporting events. **✆727929**

**INTELLIGENT, INTELLIGENT SPF, 35, 5'4",** slender, brown/green, enjoys art, playing piano, traveling, trying new things. Seeking handsome, tall, kind, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, for LTR. **✆723814**

**SBF, 24, LOVES** to play basketball, pool and watch other sports. Seeking a man to keep active and sharp with. **✆718063**

**CLASSY, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 27,** seeks mature, handsome, down-to-earth SBM, w/sense of humor, 27-38, 225lbs+, 5'10"+, for friendship and enjoying activities. Dating first, possible LTR. **✆559393**

**SHF, 31, LEO, N/S, 5'7",** black/brown, open-minded, enjoys cooking, watching movies, spending time at home, seeks easygoing, fun, open-minded woman, 30-40. **✆688239**

**SBF, 35, IS** in search of a B/HM, for cuddling, long walks, nights on the town, and more if we make a connection. **✆678150**

**OUTGOING SBF, PRE-SCHOOL** teacher interested in outdoor/nature activities, cultural/current events. **✆667109**

**ATTRACTIVE SB MOM, 33,** down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **✆393133**

**PROWLING CARIBBEAN WOMAN. SBF, 32,** enjoys dancing, movies, play wrestling, holding hands and cuddling. Seeking loving, independent, honest, romantic, non-smoking SM, 32-40. **✆646068**

**24-YEAR-OLD SBF, 5'6", 120lbs,** medium complexion and a great personality. Looking for a S/DM 26-55. I travel often but would like someone I could in enjoy my free time with. **✆50047**

**EDUCATED WORKING, 22-32,** tall, 6'2", dark SM sought, most enjoy dancing, good communication. **✆653471**

**FEMALE SPORTS FAN. SBPF, 37,** enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **✆644991**

**CUTEY PIE, SBF, 26, 5'11",** with a caramel complexion and light eyes, wants to meet a man who appreciates a shapely woman. **✆617959**

**SBF, 31, CAPRICORN,** N/S, loves swimming, horseback riding, golf. Seeking BM, 23-36, for dating. What are your pastimes? **✆584061**

**NUBIAN PRINCESS. SBPCF, 35, 5'7",** H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBGM, 5'11"+, for companionship. **✆767234**

**B/A/F, 38, SEEKS LTR, 5'2",** size 16, wears it well. One child. Likes movies, comedy, walking, and sports events. Seeks tall, dark, strong, kind, honest man. **✆548897**

**SF, 30, ENJOYS** football games, baseball and hockey, beaches, mountains, hiking, fishing, outdoors, picnics, sunsets, holding hands. Seeking SWM, 28-40. **✆524427**

**SWF, 38, 5'8",** Catholic, enjoys biking, beach, hiking, dining out and dancing. Seeking SWM 35-48, N/S, for friendship and possible LTR. **✆527706**

**SBF, 39, PISCES,** N/S, seeks BM, 39-49, N/S, who is professional, and is honest. For a very serious relationship. **✆407432**

**VIBRANT, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 37, 6',** enjoys theater, dining out, reading, and museums. Seeking SBM, 27-37, for LTR. Serious inquiries only, please. **✆513337**

**VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWPF, 35,** brown/green, enjoys art, music, playing piano and trying new things. Seeking tall, handsome, kind SWPM, for LTR, family. **✆488208**

**SWPF, CHRISTIAN, 5'8",** blonde/blue, easygoing, flexible, young-at-heart, loves kids (mine are grown). Likes fun and excitement. Seeks WPCM, 40+, for companionship. Possible LTR. **✆500473**

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**ATTRACTIVE, FUN-LOVING BPF, 35,** seeks handsome, professional male, N/S, for LTR. **✆807562**

**SBP MOTHER, 35, N/S,** is attractive, classy, honest, athletic, and seeking SBM, 38-45, who is secure, established, spiritual and hot. **✆472850**

**VERY OUTGOING SBF, 34, 5'3", 145lbs,** fit, in search of sincere, kind gentleman, 29-39, I have too many interests to list here; call, we'll talk! **✆469865**

**SASSY SPF, 37, N/S,** enjoys working out, movies, travel, reading. Seeking mature SPM, N/S, N/Drugs, with similar interests, to enjoy life with. **✆439614**

**SBF, 32, ATTRACTIVE,** intelligent, loves to read, watch movies, bowl, skate, play pool, take long walks. Seeking mature, humorous, family oriented SM, 33-55. **✆410069**

**ARE YOU THE** honorable, articulate, handsome, SBPM, 5'10+, 35-40, for this opinionated, outgoing, attractive, SBPF 38? Lets find out. **✆412913**

**SF, 34, LIKES** playing pool, biking, dining out, movies, clubs, quiet times at home. Seeking mature SM, 33-40, ready to be in a serious relationship. **✆379878**

**ATTRACTIVE SBF, 33, 5'11",** medium build, enjoys music, dancing, movies, travel, sports. Seeking tall SBM, 30-40, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆344223**

**IN SEARCH OF** an honest man with a good sense of humor and a love for children, for quality time with this SWF. **✆2330886**

**SBF, 36, SCORPIO,** I enjoy movies, outdoor activities. Seeking SBM, 36-48, for friendship first. Call me! **✆316044**

**SBF, 34, 6'0",** light, skin, attractive, tall, slender, free-spirited, N/S. Seeking WM, 35-52, tall, romantic, financially independent for friendship and possible relationship. **✆306329**

**DBF, 38, 5'7",** hard-working, business owner, single mom, seeks SBM, 38-45, honest, hard-working, romantic, responsible, for LTR. **✆299267**

**SBPF, 29, 5'3", 145lbs,** very attractive, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, lots of fun, very intelligent. Seeking tall SM, 33-41, with similar qualities. **✆304276**

**SBF, 32, PISCES,** N/S, with kids, seeks SM, 32-60, who enjoys traveling, shopping, for dating, and LTR. **✆293934**

**SF, 26, 5'7", 165lbs,** black/brown, nurse, enjoys sports, just hanging out. Seeking similar male, 20-37, for friendship or more. **✆256470**

**FULL-FIGURED, ATTRACTIVE, SELF-EFFICIENT SBF, 36, 5'7",** Aquarius, N/S, enjoys dining out, shopping. Seeking single man, 32-47, N/S, with similar interests. **✆110171**

**SBF, 29, SCORPIO,** N/S, seeks well-mannered, sweet, attractive, respectful, well-educated African man, 36-43, N/S, for possible LTR. **✆938028**

## Men Seeking Women

**SM, 44, LOVES** the simple things in life, and is looking for a woman to share them with, for dating, fun and LTR. **✆839326**

**SM, 21, 6'3", 235lbs,** with a brown complexion, and a vibrant personality, seek a woman for fun, adventure and romance. **✆839399**

**SB DAD, 30,** loves listening to all types of music, and wants to meet woman who moves to her own beat, for romance and happiness. **✆839885**

**HARD-WORKING SBM, 36, 5'10", 220lbs,** Pisces, smoker, loves movies, dining out, sports, concerts. Seeking SF, 25-45, with similar interests, for possible romance. **✆815664**

**NICE-LOOKING, POLITE SWM, 64, 5'9",** average build, Scorpio, N/S, likes reading, movies, dining out, travel. Seeking pretty, caring SWF, 50-75, N/S, for LTR. **✆816261**

**SBM, 23, 5'6",** with an open mind and a friendly disposition, seeks a woman to share hearts and minds. **✆832896**

**SBM, 38, LIBRA,** smoker, would like to ask out a BF, 40-55, smoker. Could you be the lucky one? **✆832071**

**MEXICAN/FILIPINO SM, 25, 5'5", 131lbs,** with bachelor's degree in government and politics, N/S, seeks HF, 18-26, N/S, for LTR. **✆830608**

**SBM, 61, 5'7",** likes movies, parties, dining, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 35-49, who shares these interests. **✆826066**

**WHERE IS MY** soulmate? SM, 45, 5'5", light complexion, N/S, looking for a woman, 30-48, who likes dinners, movies, and more. **✆826463**

**SBM, 38, SAGITTARIUS,** smoker, likes reading, movies, dining out, travel, long drives. Seeking outgoing, caring woman, 28-45, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆819066**

**SBM, 23, GEMINI,** N/S, 5'11", 150lbs, transit police officer, baby face, moustache, sideburns, loves basketball, movies, shopping, walks in the park, seeks compatible SF, 19-28. **✆83372**

**ROMANTIC, HONEST, KIND,** well-traveled male, 31, Capricorn, 6'4", into travel, photography, animals, the outdoors, seeks slender, honest, romantic woman, 18-45, for dating and meaningful relationship. **✆813989**

**SBM, 37, CAPRICORN,** smoker, warehouse manager, seeks woman, 27-40, smoker, who has a good head on her shoulders, knows what she wants. **✆814545**

**ATHLETIC SWM, 21,** just out of military, into weightlifting. Seeking woman, 21-25, 5'2"-5'10", thin build, very attractive, athletic, who likes movies, car trips, beaches. **✆832196**

**SBM, 33, CANCER,** N/S, seeks honest, sincere, hard-working SBF, 22-30, N/S, has goals and aspirations in life, has fun, friends first. **✆834357**

**SOUND INTERESTING? WM, 30,** looking for older lady, 45-65, who likes laughing, dinners in, movies at home, and just having fun! **✆831630**

**LOOKS ARE UNIMPORTANT.** SBM, 37, looking for SBF, 37-42, for dating, and possible LTR. Prefer full-figured ladies. **✆828894**

**HANDSOME SBM, 32, 5'10", 173lbs,** caramel complexion, ambitious, no children, well-educated, humorous. Seeking attractive, shapely, intelligent SF, 23-32, with great personality for companionship. **✆824057**

**SWPM, 38, FIT,** attractive, N/S, seeks intelligent, attractive SAF, N/S, for LTR, age unimportant. **✆719889**

**EMPLOYED MALE WOULD** like to find a woman who likes to share and to interchange experiences with me. **✆830103**

**AFRICAN, 29-YEAR-OLD, ENERGETIC,** athletic, N/S, 5'10", fun-loving, active SBGM, 135lbs, loves soccer, tennis, golf sometimes, working out, hip hop, reggae. Seeking a lady-like SF. Friendship/LTR. **✆789941**

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**SBM, 35, WORKS** as a carpenter, and would love to meet a woman for fun, dates, and conversation. **✆757502**

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**SWM, 37, 5'11",** average build, self-employed, Virgo, N/S, seeks woman, 50-73, for adventure, fun, dining out, and intelligent conversation. **✆653040**

**SBPM, 35, 6'3",** with a caramel complexion and a football player's build, seeks a woman who stays active. **✆649443**

**PROFESSIONAL SBM, 38, 5'10",** handsome, romantic, honest, can cook a great meal, seeks SBF, 22-38, N/S, for LTR. **✆816366**

**ELECTIC, ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE SWPM, 39, 6', 195lbs,** with a sarcastic sense of humor, enjoys going to the beach or theater, and working out. **✆781496**

**SBM, 22, COLLEGE** student (studying engineering), country boy at heart, Taurus, smoker, seeks BF, 18-29, N/S, full-figured. **✆746951**</



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Doing the Wave

The next generation of credit cards won't require any swiping

**CREDIT CARDS** | The familiar process of buying something with a credit card could be headed the way of the mechanical brass cash register.

For more than a year, MasterCard and American Express have been testing “contactless” versions of their credit cards. The cards need only be held near a special reader for a sale to go through.

MasterCard has been testing its PayPass system mainly in Orlando, Fla., and promises a nationwide roll-out in 2004, beginning primarily at quick-service restaurants and other places where people tend to be in a hurry.

American Express has mainly done pilot runs of its Express Pay service in the Phoenix area, though the company expanded it to New York ferry terminals on the Hudson River this week.

Credit cards that incorporate the technology could be used anywhere regular plastic is accepted, as long as stores install the new readers. One reader could handle multiple brands of contactless cards.

The new cards have chips imbued with radio-frequency identification, or RFID. While old-fashioned credit cards store account information on a magnetic stripe that has to be swiped, the contactless cards keep



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their data on the chips.

American Express's ExpressPay uses a keychain fob, like the ones used by ExxonMobil Speedpass and similar to the tags in supermarket discount programs. MasterCard's PayPass comes on a regular-sized card that also has a magnetic stripe for swiping if need be.

In theory, the transaction could be intercepted by a technologically savvy thief intent on cloning a card. But the account number on the contactless cards is useful only in the RFID system — it's not the same as a user's credit card number. A crook would thus not be able to use the card number to go on a fraudulent Internet shopping spree, for example. **BRIAN BERGSTEIN (AP)**

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Is now the best time to buy a computer or camera, or will prices be better after Christmas?

In most cases, you're fine buying now. The exception is Mac hardware; Apple has a major tradeshow coming up the week after New Year's Day, at which it almost always rolls out a bunch of new hardware while cutting prices on the old stuff.

What should I know about those USB hard drives before I shop?

Make sure they support USB 2.0, or you'll be waiting a long time to transfer files. (I'm assuming your PC has USB 2.0 ports of its own.) If you'll be moving files to Macs, get one that includes a FireWire port.

TiVo offers a “product lifetime” subscription for \$299. Am I better off paying month-to-month?

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# People

## DRIVERS

### I Drove All Night 'Cause You Were Drunk

People want to get wasted and ride around with Tim McGraw or



**CELINE DION**, according to a Budweiser-sponsored survey asking Americans to pick a fantasy designated driver. Lionel Richie came in second among the men, with 19 percent. In second place for the ladies was Shania Twain. (HARTFORD COURANT)

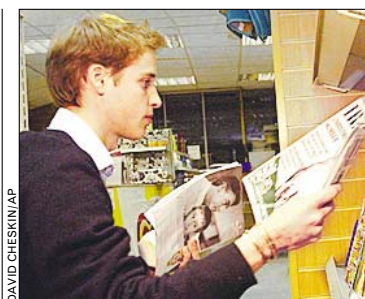


JIM RUYEN/REUTERS

## FALLEN STARS

### Good Behavior

**WINONA RYDER** was commended by a judge Monday for abiding by the rules of her probation in her shoplifting case. Ryder's lawyer said the judge plans to consider reducing her felony convictions to misdemeanors. Fox ordered Ryder to return to court May 26 for a six-month review. (AP)



DAVID CHESKIN/AP

William dares the media not to care.

## BOREDOM

### Killing Them Softly

Reporters followed **PRINCE WILLIAM** as he bought stamps, chocolate and reading matter at a shop on Friday. As part of an agreement with the British press, he provides access once every term in exchange for privacy while he completes his studies at St. Andrews University. (AP)

## IDOLS

### Fame Seizes Next Victim

Kicked off "American Idol" because she once worked for an adult Web site, **FRENCHIE DAVIS** has landed her first professional lead role. The singer was to begin rehearsals on Monday for the top role in the upcoming Seattle production of "Dreamgirls." (AP)



## VIXENS

### Forgive and Forget, or Not

The New York Post reports that **SHANNEN DOHERTY** and ex-husband Rick Solomon (of Paris Hilton Sex Tape fame) are back together. Doherty's camp denied it, but the two are said to be "spending all their free time together." (EXPRESS)



## OZZY WATCH

### Osbourne Breathes Freely

Musician **Ozzy Osbourne** is making good progress after his quad bike accident and is now able to breathe

on his own, hospital officials said Monday. Osbourne, 55, has been in intensive care since the accident at his estate in Buckinghamshire, southern England. (AP)

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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Today  
Hi **54**  
Lo **44**



Wed.  
Hi **52**  
Lo **36**



Thurs.  
Hi **44**  
Lo **30**



Fri.  
Hi **42**  
Lo **30**



Sat.  
Hi **46**  
Lo **34**



**UV Index (for solar noon)**  
2 out of 10, minimal

**Air Quality Index (AQI)**  
AQI Today: Not available

**Pollen Index (Yesterday)**  
Reading: Main offender: Not available

**Today**, mostly sunny, not as harsh. High 54. Wind south to southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, increasingly cloudy, breezy. Low 44. Wednesday, cloudy, windy, rain. High 52.

## Holiday Computer Systems at Gift Giving Prices!

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# Playback

## Letters

### TO THE EDITOR

I READ YOUR item about Metro looking for ways to increase its funding ("Metro Increases Efforts to Increase Future Funding," Dec. 12) and thought of the untaxed property that the federal government and churches have in D.C. I'd imagine that taxes on the property around Federal Triangle could fund a year of Metro upgrades (or capital improvements, as they euphemistically call them), and the Supreme Court property, if taxed, could afford Metrorail more trains.

—PETER HARPER BURRIS  
Washington, D.C.

WHY WAS THERE NO MENTION of the "police activity" that took place Friday, which interrupted Metro service and shut down certain stops on the Orange line? Every other day, your paper prints a picture of some crying child getting a flu shot, but something as important as Friday's Metro disruption, something that affects most Metro riders reading your paper, and you print nothing on it?

—JENNIFER BIVONA  
Washington, D.C.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Good point. We make an effort to cover all news that affects Metro riders. We dropped the ball by not following up on Friday's bomb scare.*

### WRITE TO EXPRESS

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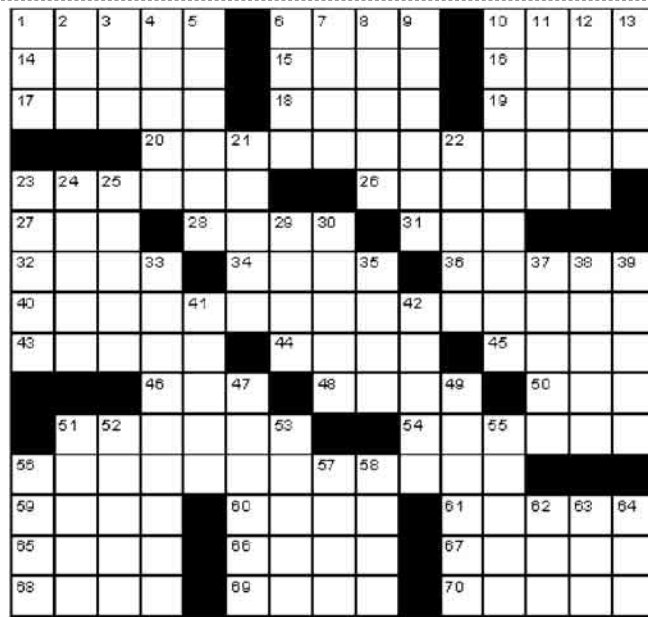
### Yesterday's Solution



### Crossword Puzzle: Mints One's Words | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

#### ACROSS

- 1 Really enjoy
- 6 Coop sound
- 10 In under the tag
- 14 Kicking partner
- 15 Poor, as an excuse
- 16 Humpbacked helper
- 17 Shine
- 18 U.S. oil giant
- 19 Late-night monologist
- 20 Wallet-size photos of a children's story character?
- 23 California peak
- 26 Chooses
- 27 Judah Ben in an epic film
- 28 Capone facial feature
- 31 Trip for a narcissist?
- 32 Valentine's Day cherub
- 34 Light bulb for Wile E. Coyote?
- 36 Liqueur flavoring
- 40 Brief viewing of '20s movie clips?
- 43 Take off the board
- 44 Spotted
- 45 Editor's mark
- 46 Sea salt
- 48 Indian king
- 50 Before of yore
- 51 Tends to the turkey



- 54 180s
- 56 "Name That Tune," as played by the Gregorian Monks?
- 59 Two-dimensional measure
- 60 River to the Caspian
- 61 It may be kicked
- 65 Camera part
- 66 Poi source
- 67 Kind of marble
- 68 Bit of a whirl
- 69 Blunted weapon
- 70 Needing kneading?
- 4 Elongated O's
- 5 Sends in payment
- 6 Land map
- 7 Viscount's superior
- 8 Quizmaster
- 9 Women and children, e.g.
- 10 Caulk compounds
- 11 Bond or Smart

- 12 Type types
- 13 Greek counterpart of 32-Across
- 21 Unspoken
- 22 Royal
- 23 Public humiliation
- 24 It's good for a laugh
- 25 Potpourri emanation
- 29 Brouhahas
- 30 Give someone the business?
- 33 Relaxes
- 35 Between ports
- 37 Prefix with play or act
- 38 Bow's opposite
- 39 Colorado park
- 41 "Groovy!"
- 42 \_\_\_ Joe (Twain character)
- 47 Prove false
- 49 All things considered
- 51 Revealed to the world
- 52 Change a bill
- 53 Discontinue, as a project
- 55 Gas bill info
- 56 Strong wind
- 57 Fabled also-ran
- 58 Cosmetic plant
- 62 Prohibit
- 63 TGIF part
- 64 Pigskin holder

### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



### Horoscope | Stella Wilder

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Past difficulties may prove remarkably easy now. There's no need to overexert if things fall into place.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You may be putting the right amount of effort into the wrong project. Keep working hard, but choose a different goal.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — You will discover that your interests are similar to the interests of someone you've been avoiding. You may get along well.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — You'll get the green light and want to move out as soon as possible. Take care. Are you really ready for the big time?

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — An unusual idea may strike you early in the day which, when explored fully, can yield some unusual results. You'll be on the way soon.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Despite what you have been saying all week long, luck is indeed a factor. You'll have a brush with destiny before the day is out.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Take advantage of your surroundings. You'll be inspired to accomplish much that only yesterday may have been out of reach.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Don't be so forthright and eager that others mistake this for intrusion or a desire to dominate the situation.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Don't look too far back, or you'll find yourself getting lost in a fog of memories.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Self-protection may be an issue on at least two occasions during the day. Brief as they may be, these episodes may involve real danger.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Someone in your inner circle may object to your methods or motives suddenly. Does this promise that a major rift is on its way?

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Take advantage of a social situation to make some headway on a new project which could send your career into a new sphere of success.

### LIVE ONLINE

## Trying Saddam

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

**LAURENCE ROTHENBERG**, a fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), was online Monday to discuss the issues involved in bringing Saddam Hussein to justice.

### What are the options for bringing Saddam to justice?

There are three basic models for a trial of Saddam: 1) An international trial similar to those at The Hague covering genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity in Yugoslavia and in Arusha, Tanzania, for the genocide in Rwanda, 2) a purely domestic Iraq tribunal and 3) a mixture of the two — that is, a trial in Iraq with Iraqi judges but with assistance and advice from international experts.

The most likely to happen is No. 3 for a couple reasons: First, it's what the Iraqis and the U.S. want, second, it's the most legitimate from the perspective of the Iraqi people and third, the Iraqis will need international help in order to hold such a complex trial.

### Can Saddam Hussein counter-file against the coalition and sue to have the invaders removed and his government restored?

I can guarantee you that Saddam's first — if not only — line of defense will be to attack the legitimacy of the court. Milosevic tried it and it didn't get him very far.

### I thought the whole point of having the trial in Iraq was because the U.N. model didn't allow for the death penalty.

It's part of the point, but not the whole point. Also important are other factors such as providing a close physical tie to where the events occurred. That gives the trial more psychological impact for Iraqis and also makes it easier to present evidence and produce witnesses.

### Today on Live Online

2 P.M.: James Paul, executive director of the Global Policy Forum, discusses the role of the U.S., the U.N. and international humanitarian law in the trial of Saddam Hussein.

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